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ATM NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is the subject of provisional application Serial No. 60051,99/ filed July 9, 1997 and entitled ATM NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

INTRODUCTION

As a relatively new networking technology, Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) currently has an immature set of tools available to manage it. ATM has introduced a new set of requirements for network management, due to ATM's support of voice, video, and data in a single local or wide area network, provisions for meeting Quality of Service (QoS) parameters of users, and ATM's use of virtual paths as opposed to the traditional physical network segments of other network protocols. Solutions that were adequate for other network technologies are insufficient for ATM, particularly in mission-critical applications.

At the core of an ATM network is an ATM switch, a device that is responsible for switching cells. The central functional block of the ATM switch is the switch fabric, which is responsible for buffering and routing the

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